

IN THE CLAIMS

a2 11. A motor in accordance with Claim 6 wherein said washer second layer comprises material selected from a group consisting of foam and rubber.

a3 18. An assembly in accordance with Claim 14 wherein said second layer comprises a material selected from the group consisting of foam and rubber, said first and third layers comprise a material selected from a group consisting of fiber, phenolic plastics, and nylon.

Remarks

The Office Action mailed March 1, 2002 has been carefully reviewed and the foregoing amendment has been made in consequence thereof. Submitted herewith is a Submission of Marked Up Paragraphs and a Submission of Request for Drawing Changes.

Claims 1-18 are now pending in this application. Claims 6-18 stand rejected. Claims 1-5 have been withdrawn.

Reconsideration of the restriction requirement imposed under 35 U.S.C. § 121 is respectfully requested. In response to the election/restriction requirement, Applicants elected with traverse the claims belonging to Group II, claims 6-18.

The requirement for election is traversed because the inventions set out by the claims in Groups I and II are clearly related. Applicants submit that a thorough search and examination of either Group would be relevant to the examination of the other Group and would not be a serious burden on the Examiner. Additionally, requirements for election are not mandatory under 35 U.S.C. 121. Accordingly, reconsideration of the election requirement is requested.

Applicants note the objections to the drawings. Submitted herewith is a Request for Approval of Drawing Changes. Specifically, in Figure 1, reference label "19" has been replaced with reference label "20." In Figure 2, reference label "20" has been replaced with reference label "18." In Figure 3, reference label "199" has been replaced with reference label "190." Applicants respectfully request approval of the indicated drawing changes. No new matter has been added. Submitted herewith are the drawings of record showing the proposed changes in red